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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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SUBJECT.

The Sri Bharat Dharma Maha
Mandal

PREVIOUS REFERENCES. LATER REFERENCES.

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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT. W.F. 214/6

OFFICE NOTE.

File No.

Subject.

The Sri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal.

From

The Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja.

No. D. 2304, Dated 20th October 1926.

With the foregoing communication, the Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja forwards for the Dewan's opinion, a letter addressed to His Highness by the Maharaja Bahadur of Darbhanga, requesting His Highness to convene a meeting of religious movement known as the Sri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal, the same symbol, that was shown on the occasion of the last Adhiveshan, and of its Secretaries or Pandits Lakshmi or Rajah

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Ellanda Samu Rao

 th October 1906.

The file, with the booklets since read from the Assistant Private Secretary to His Highness, and the draft of a DO reply sent by the Dewan, to the Genl Secretary, Sri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal (80 326 & 21 11 06), is returned to the Private Secretariat — 1/12/06

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Note on the Institution called Bharata [illegible]

The books sent from the Province of the Indore Sabha were gone through by the Alwar's of the [illegible] Sanskrit College Bangalore (Pandit [illegible] Acharya). Tararese note submitted by him is hereto [illegible] from [illegible]

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H.H.the Maharaja of Darbhanga Rs. 20000/- in addition to

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S Ananthasami Rao

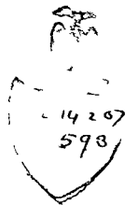
6/11/06

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit for favourable consideration and orders, a further reference from the General Secretary Sri Bharat Dharma Maha Mandal, Benares, requesting that His Highness the Maharaja might become a patron of the institution like other Ruling Chiefs of India.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.



A further reference from the General Secretary, Sri Bharat Dharma Maha Mandal, Benares, requesting His Highness the Maharaja to become a patron of the institution.

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MUZRAI SECRETARIAT.

OFFICE NOTE.

File No.

SUBJECT.

Bharat Dharma Mahamandal at Benares City

From

The Curator, Oriental Library, Mysore.

Do. No. Dated 3rd May 1907

It would appear that, in company with Swami Gyanandji Maharaja, Pandit Maharaj Narayan Shenpuri Rai Bahadur, General Secretary to the Sri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal, Benares City, had met the Dewan Saheb at Calcutta, when he was there last, and that the Dewan Saheb had promised to furnish him with a complete list of the Sanatana Dharma Associations existing in the Mysore State and also of the persons who would co-operate in the movement and might be advantageously consulted

File No. of Muzrai Secretariat.

The said General Secretary has now addressed a communication to the Dewan Saheb reminding him of his promise. The Dewan has been pleased to endorse thereon as follows:- "Ask Mr. Mahadeva Sastri to be good enough to furnish me with information on this subject."

The information called for from Mr. A. Mahadeva Sastriar, Curator, Oriental library, Mysore, has been obtained and is herewith submitted. Slip Z

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Submitted to the Dewan

Ellanta Lamesha
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The info may be supplied

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Note The Dewan mentioned that there was a similar Association in the C & M States & that enquiries may be made about it also
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OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
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D A R B H A N G A

The 6th October 1906.

Your Highness,

I consider it my pleasing duty to communicate to your Highness the resolution of the Central Office of Shri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal thanking you for your Highness's kind sympathy towards the success of this religious movement.

For the spiritual regeneration of the Hindus it had become extremely necessary to establish a national association that would embrace all the different parts and provinces of India in its operations, for the furtherance of the religious knowledge amongst the Hindus and the improvement of the Sanskrit ~~knowledge~~ learning and also for the conservation and consolidation of the national life and its progress. To remove this great long-felt want of our race Shri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal has been founded.

I hope your Highness will kindly continue the same sympathy to this great religious movement as shown on the occasion of the last Adhiveshanand become its

Sangarakshak (patron) like other Ruling Chiefs such as His Highness the Maharana Bahadur of Udaipur and His Highness the Maharaja Bahadur of Kashmere &c. &c.

I trust understand that the reports and books published by the Benares Head Office have already been sent to you.

I trust your Highness is keeping well.

Yours Sincerely

Maharaja Bahadur, General President

Shri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal.

To

His Highness the Maharaja Bahadur of

Mysore.

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 1044 / Dated Mysore 20th October 1906.

Letter dated 6th October 1906 from the Maharaja Bahadur, General President Shri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal, Darbhanga, is forwarded with compliments, to the Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore, for favour of opinion.

By order,

I.C.S.

Private Secretary.

Petition No.646 D/6-10-1906.

To Minutes
for favour of opinion
21/10/06

Transferred to the Secretary of Govt, Mujrai Dept

Secretary
Gen & Rev Dept

Rect 27/10/06 2 P.M.

Bangalore
27/10/06

My dear Lakshmana Rao

As I found that the Darbhanga Maharaja's application had not been received in my Office, I went over to the Registrar of the General Secretariat, and found that the paper had been received there and was being worked up in Branch V. As soon as I get the paper, I shall submit it with a short Note

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they please from State Fu.

I am
Yours very truly
C Swaminatha Iyer

7/1/10

Dear Sir,

Please arrange to send the paper here by this evening

Yours sincerely

C. Balasundaram

Office
27. 10. 06.

Sir,

The following pe-
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the Private Secretary
to H.H. was submit-
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order this to be
looked into -

Yours obediently
BB Lancashire

D.O.W. 278

29/10/06

Dear Mr Raghavendra Rao,

Referring to Petition D.O.W. No 646 dated 6-10-06, sent for the Dewans opinion with Private Secretary's memo No. 1044/1 dated 20th October 1906, regarding the bearing a patron of an institution called the Sri Bharat Dharma Mahamandali, Dharbanga, I am desired to say that there are no previous papers on the subject in the Secretariat. In the petition reference is made to certain reports and books said to have been sent to the Dewan in the absence of papers explaining the scope, object and usefulness of the institution, the Dewan is unable to form any opinion in the matter.

I am therefore desired to request that you will kindly forward for his information the previous papers bearing on the subject, if there is no objection to such a course. I shall return the papers after reference.

Yours Sincerely

Sd/- C.P. Balasundaram Iyer

No.1288/1

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY
TO HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.
The Palace, Bangalore, 12-11-1906

12 11 1906

Petition as shown below, to His Highness the Maharaja, is transferred to the Private Secretary to the Dewan of Mysore, ~~for~~ Bangalore, in continuation of the Assistant Private Secretary's D.C.No.208 dated 2nd November 1906, to the Under-Secretary on duty with the Dewan of Mysore.

No.77 of 06-07.

By Order,

12/11/06

P.S.

Private Secretary
to H. H. The Maharaja of Mysore.

अकुण्ठं सर्व्व-कार्य्येषु धर्म्म-कार्य्यार्थं मुद्यतम् ।
वैकुण्ठस्य हि तद्रूपं तस्मै कार्य्यात्मने नमः ॥

श्री भारत धर्म्म महामण्डल प्रधान कार्य्यालय

(काश्मीर राजभवन) काशी (बनारस)……तिथि……मास……वर्ष

SRI BHARAT DHARMA MAHAMANDALA
HEAD OFFICE.

BENARES, *Dated the* 30-10-1906

No 44 dt. 7.12

From

Pandit Mr. Narayan Sharma, Rai Bahadur
Secretary Sanatan Dharma
Mahamandal

To

The Private Secretary,

His Highness the Maharaja Bahadur
of Mysore

Dear Sir,

Rec'd 6.11.06 Submitted 12.11.06

I have the honor to invite your kind attention to the appeal of the Sri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal which was sent to His Highness the Maharaja Bahadur under the orders of His Highness the President, His Highness the Maharaja Bahadur of Darbhanga, signed by his Private Secretary Babu … of the appeal is enclosed for ready reference.

It is needless for me to say that the Mahamandal is trying its best to regenerate and recall to active … rous life the ancient Sanatan Dharma, the most p… inheritance left to us by our Holy and pious Rishis … enumerated in the appeal are calculated to… realising in the advancement of our cause the fulfilment of these objects depends to … extent on the patronage of Ruling Chiefs.

In conclusion I beg to state that any … the improvement of the Mahamandal will be highly appreciated

Yours truly

M. N. Sharma
Rai Bahadur.

Ans Wrote on Slip 6

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Shri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal

HEAD-OFFICE:

Benares City, *190*

To

AN APPEAL FOR HELP

ON BEHALF OF

Shri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal.

SIR,

In the present circumstances of the Hindus it has become extremely necessary to establish a national association that would embrace all the different parts and provinces of India in its operations, for the furtherance of religious knowledge among the people and the improvement of Sanskrit learning, and also for the conservation and consolidation of the national life and its progress. This great want of the Hindu race has been removed by the foundation of Shri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal. It is now the duty of every one calling himself a Hindu to come to the help of this national association and sustain it.

The grand objects of the Mahamandal will be evident from the following lines quoted from the Memorandum of Association submitted to the Government at the time of its registration under Act XXI of 1860: "Its objects are:—(*a*) The promotion of Hindu religious education in accordance with the Sanatan-Dharma, the diffusion of the knowledge of the Vedas, Smritis, Purans, and other Hindu Shastras, and the introduction of useful reforms in Hindu life as justified by them. (*b*) The promotion of Sanskrit and Devanagri literature in all its branches. (*c*) The introduction of useful reforms in the management of Hindu charitable and religious institutions and "Tirthas," *i. e*, Sacred places, in accordance with the Shastras. (*d*) The establishing, affiliating and controlling of branch Sabhas all kinds of Hindu charitable and religious institution in different parts of India. (*e*) The founding and maintaining of new, and the supporting of existing Colleges, Schools, Libraries and publishing establishments in consonance with the objects of the Association. (*f*) The adoption of all proper and lawful means and measures to carry out the above objects."

This appeal is now being sent to you for help to the Mahamandal funds. Several persons are already contributing pecuniary help, keeping the Mahamandal alive thereby. The names of some of those who have granted donations or subscriptions are as follows :—

H. H. The Hindu-Surya Maharana Bahadur of Udaipore Rs. 20,000
H. H. the Maharaja Bahadur of Orchha Rs. 5,000 as donation.

Names.	Amount of Donation.	Monthly Subscription.
H. H. Maharaja Bahadur of Jummo and Kashmere	Rs. 25,000	Rs. 500.
H. H. Maharaja Bahadur of Durbhanga.	Rs. 20,000	Rs. 100.
H. H. Maharaja of Kishengarh	Rs. 3,000	Rs. 30.
H. H. Maharaja of Sailana	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 20.
Thakur Sahib Khorwa	Rs. 1,000	Rs. 10.

H. H. The Hon'ble Maharaja Bahadur of Durbhanga himself has also become the treasurer of this Mahamandal and the money of the reserve fund is deposited in the Bank of Bengal.

Though our expectation of help from a person of your rank and fame is truly high, yet for the present our prayer is that you may be pleased to grant a small monthly aid. Any help, great or small, from you will be welcome. We shall not trouble you at present for a donation, but we pray that a monthly subscription be sanctioned to enable the organisation of the Mahamandal to go on doing its work in this initial stage. I shall truly feel grateful, if you be pleased to let me know by return of post what amount of help the Shri Bharat Dharma-mandal may receive from you.

I remain,
Yours, &c.

for SHRI BHARAT DHARMA MAHAMANDAL.

PRIVATE SECRETARY MYSORE

The Palace,
Mysore,

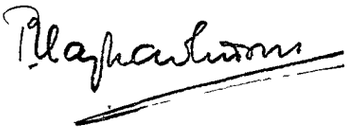
DO. 208 2nd November 1906.

Dear Balasundara Iyer,

Your D.O.No.279 of the 28th Ultimo I find from our Office records that the first invitation received from the Maha-mandal was sent to the Dewan Saheb with our DO No .117 of 29th December 1905 requesting that a polite reply in the negative might be sent in response to it. Another received subsquently,was also sent to the Dewan Saheb in Continuation. This is all the reference that I can - possibly make available for you. But some booklets have since been received from

the Society and these are now sent to you for disposal.

Yours sincerely,



D.O No 292

Bangalore.
3 Nov 06

My dear Mr Anantasami Row,

I send herewith the file re Bharat mahamandal together with some books & pamphlets received from Mr Raghavendra row, as also two D.O files on a similar subject dealt with in Dec[r] last.

If you have anybody to decipher the books, I should be glad to have a note briefly

explaining the objects of the
visit, the means proposed
be adopted & together with
opinion as to how far it deserves
the patronage asked for.

I shall be ~~glad~~ obliged ~~to~~ by
a very early reply.

Yours Sincerely
A Balasundram

Dear Mr. Balasundara Ayyar

I beg to submit a
Note herewith

Yrs sincerely

C. Kunhi Sankara Menon

6/11/06

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5.11.06

D.O.No.326.

Bangalore,

19/21st November 1906.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter sent to the Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja as well as the letter written by the Maharaja Bahadur of Darbhanga to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, on behalf of the Sri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal.

I am desired to inform you in reply that the objects of the Mahamandal as stated in your letter, are such as should receive the support of all Hindus and His Highness fully sympathises with the scheme for the revival of the Hindu religion started in Northern India under the auspices of the Maharaja Bahadur of Darbhanga.

Movements of a similar character, achieving more or less similar results, have however been going on in Southern India also, and especially in Mysore. In this State they have been supported from General and Special Funds set apart for the support of local religious and charitable institutions.

But any extension of that support to movements outside the State and therefore not likely to benefit its own people, appears incompatible with a proper application of its public revenues.

His Highness' Durbar in these circumstances exceedingly regret their inability to afford to the Mahamandal any help in the way of subscriptions or donations.

I shall be obliged by your placing this letter, with my best respects, before the Maharaja Bahadur of Darbhanga.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/- V.P. Madhava Rao.
Dewan of Mysore.

To

अकुण्ठं सर्व्व-कार्य्येषु धर्म्म-कार्य्यार्थ मुद्यतम् ।
वैकुण्ठस्य हि तद्रूपं तस्मै कार्य्यात्मने नमः ॥

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(काश्मीर राजभवन) काशी (बनारस)·····तिथि·····मास·····वर्ष

SRI BHARAT DHARMA MAHAMANDALA,
HEAD OFFICE.
BENARES, *Dated the* 6th December 1906

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From

Pandit Maharaj narayan Shrupuri, Rai Bahadur
General Secretary, Sri Bharat Dharma
Mahamandal -

To

The Dewan Sahib of Mysore -

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your no 326 of 19/21 November 1906 and to note its contents - It is a matter of much gratification and source of encouragement to see that in the opinion of such a distinguished Ruler as His Highness the Maharaja Bahadur, the Bharat Dharma Mahamandal deserves the support of all Hindus, and that His Highness fully sympathises with the Scheme of the Mahamandal. Kindly convey our best thanks to His Highness for this favourable opinion which he has been pleased to express.

Please allow me to thank you for the information that there are several religious institutions in Southern India, especially in Mysore, with aims and objects identical with those of the Mahamandal and that these institutions are supported by the State charitable funds I shall deem it a favour if you will kindly furnish me

me with a list of these institutions.

With reference to the 4th para of your letter I beg to state that the field of works of the Sri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal is not confined to Northern India alone but is wide enough to cover the whole length and breadth of the country, as the very name will evidently shew. The Mahamandal certainly has hitherto been working in the Northern India, the place of its birth. It will gradually proceed to Southern India where its Provincial offices (Prantiya Karyalaya) will be opened ere long. You will, I hope, admit that there are many causes which differentiate the Hindus of India and that the only tie, which binds them into a fraternity is our Sanatan Dharma. It is of paramount necessity therefore that there should be one grand religious institution admitting in its fold all parts of the country. I venture to say that the Sri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal supplies this long felt desideratum.

I have further to inform that although His Highness the Maharaja Bahadur does not at present see his way to extend some pecuniary help to Sri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal, the great national institution of the Hindus, still the good and favourable opinion which His Highness is pleased to hold of this Association has encouraged the Mahamandal to offer His Highness the Patronage of the Institution like other Ruling Chiefs of India.

Yours Sincerely

Maharaj Narayan Shastri

Rai Bahadur.

OFFICE OF THE PRIVATE SECRETARY TO
H. H. THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

No. 1575/1 *Dated*—Bangalore, 12-12-1906.190

Petition No 907 dated 27th November 1906, from the General Secretary, Shri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal, Benares city, is forwarded with compliments to the Dewan of Mysore, Bangalore, incontinuation of this office No. 1044 dated 20-10-06.

By Order,

12/12/06

Offg: Private Secretary.

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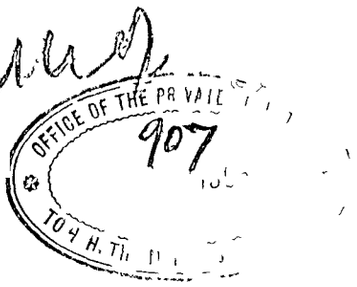

श्रीहरिः।

Shri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal

The Department for Inspection and Regulation of Religious Endowments and Shrines.

HEAD OFFICE:
Dasasvamedh, Benares-City.

Dated the. 27th November, 1906.

To

The Private Secretary,
To His Highness the Maharaja
Bahadur of Mysore.

SIR,

Shri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal, or the Great Representative Religious Association of the Hindus, has been established for the furtherence of the religious interests of the followers of the Sanatan Dharma, the advancement and consolidation of their national life, and the improvement of Sanskrit learning. To quote from the memorandum of association, submitted to the Government, at the time of its registration under Act XXI of 1860, Shri Mahamandal mentions the following to be the objects which it has in view:—

Petition No 646 of 6.10.06. and thereon Subject was sent to Dewan for opinion. Vide No 10440/2/(b) 10.06.

"II. (*a*) The promotion of Hindu religious education, in accordance with the Sanatan Dharma, the diffusion of the knowledge of the Vedas, Smritis, Purans, and other Hindu Shastras, and the introduction of useful reforms in Hindu life as justified by them

(*b*) The promotion of Sanskrit and Devnagri literature in all its branches.

(*c*) The introduction of useful reforms in the management of Hindu Charitable Institutions and "Tirthas," *i. e.* sacred places, in accordance with the Shastras;

(*d*) The establishing, affiliating and controlling of branch Sabhas in different parts of India;

(*e*) The founding and maintaining of new, and the supporting of existing Colleges, Schools, Libraries, and publishing establishments in consonance with the objects of the Association

(*f*) The adoption of all proper and lawful means and measures to carry out the above objects."

Besides these, to revive the spirit of religion throughout the country by the foundation of branch Associations in villages and towns of India, by the establishment of provincial organisations and offices in ten different parts, into which the country has been divided, by proper regulation of Hindu religious endowments, and by publication of religious tracts, is also an end in view.

The Mahamandal includes in it five classes of members:—

(i) The first class of Samrakshakas in which are enrolled the principal Dharmacharyyas such as the Acharyya-Maharajas of Shringeri, Dwarka, Jagannath-Puri, Nathdwara, Saimabad, etc., etc., and also many of the Ruling Chiefs names of some of which are mentioned below, *viz.* :—

H. H. Hindu-Suryya The Maharana Bahadur of Udaipur.

H. H. The Maharaja Bahadur of Kashmir.

H. H. The Maharaja Bahadur of Kishengarh.

H. H. The Maharaja Bahadur of Sailana.

H. H. The Maharaja Bahadur of Faridkote.

H. H. The Maharaja Bahadur of Rewah.

H. H. The Maharaja Bahadur Ulwar.

H. H. The Maharaja Bahadur of Karouli, etc., etc.

(ii) The second class of Pratinidhis in which are enrolled the great leaders of the country now numbering nearly 120 of whom a few names of some of those that are also office-bearers are given below :—

His Highness The Hon'ble Maharaja Sir Rameswar Sing Bahadur, K. C. I. E., of Durbhanga, *General President and Treasurer of the Central Fund.*

H. H. The Maharaja Sir Yaswant Sing Bharatdharmendu Bahadur, K. C. I. E., *Ruling Chief of Sailana President of the Managing Committee.*

Raja Shashishekharesvar Roy Bahadur of Tahirpur, *Pradhan Mantri of the Board of Pratinidhis.*

Rai Bahadur Pandit Maharajnarayan Sivapuri Pradhanadhyaksha, (*General Secretary*), *Central Managing Committee.*

Raja Pearimohan Mukhopadhyaya, Bharatratna, Bahadur, M. A., B. L., C. S.I., Adhyaksha, Shri Bangadharmamandal.

Rai Ramsaran Das, Rais, Adhyaksha, Sri Punjabdharmamandal, &c., &c.

Rai Lachman Singh, Rais, Lahore Sahakari Adhyaksha Do.

(iii) The third class of Dharma-Vyavasthapakas in which are enrolled the renowned Sanskrit Adhyapakas of all parts of the country.

(iv) The fourth class of Sahayaka-Sabhyas in which are enrolled all the talented great men of India from whom help in the work of Mahamandal is likely to be received.

(v) The Sadharan Sabhyas or Ordinary Members in which are enrolled every Hindu who signs a declaration from promising earnest support to the Mahamandal cause, and payment of an annual subscription of Rupee One. Such members receive a monthly magazine free of charge. This magazine is also sent free to the other four classes of members.

As the revival of the Sanatan Dharma and the advancement of its followers will depend in a great measure on an encouragement of the spirit of self-help, an enlightened and well directed charity among the people, and a just and equitable management of religious endowments and shrines, Shri Mahamandal proposes to open a separate department of its own, for the inspection and regulation of religious institutions, and brings out this prospectus to point out what work it contemplates take up at first and in what manner.

It is contemplated to open this department as soon as a certain number of religious endowments are made over to its charge by their respective donors and proprietors. The work to be begun and undertaken by Shri Mahamandal at first, will, as it extends, be also, in due time, taken up by the Provincial Mandals in connexion with such religious endowments as come under their respective jurisdiction. It is proposed to divide the work in connexion with this department into three classes :—

(1) Under the first class would fall the mere inspection of religious endowments institutions and shrines.

(2) Under the second class would come the work of auditing the accounts of such religious endowments and institutions in addition to due and proper inspection of them.

(3) Under the third class would fall the work of supervision of the management of such institutions in addition to inspection and audit of accounts.

For the present, work, such as has been described below, will be forthwith begun and gradually, as the Mahamandal's sphere of action extends, additional work in this connexion will be undertaken in furtherence of the objects it has in view.

It is proposed (*a*) to engage as Inspectors on suitable pay as many fit persons as may be necessary to cope with the work of the department and to inspect such of the religious endowments, Institutions, Maths, Mandirs, Annakshetras, Devalayas, etc., as the virtuous, donors and proprietors thereof will, by writing make over to the charge of Shri Mahamandal. (*b*) To educate and train Religious Preachers and other officers of Shri Mahamandal for this line of work (*c*) To prepare and publish for the benefit of the general public, and the founders of religious endowments, shrines, etc., specially, books containing full insrtuctions on the subject of proper management of shrines and endowments, and to try and make suitable arrangement for getting a fair number of worthy and trained workers for Devaseva, and for the better management of shrines and religious institutions, etc. (*d*) To honour all worthy founders, donors and proprietors of such religious endowments as are managed in accordance with the principles of Shastras by conferring on them titles for service of religion, by distributing gold and silver medals, and by granting them certificates of honour, letters of thanks and appreciation ; and also to encourage worthy Managers of Maths, Mandirs, Dharmasalas, Annakshetras, Devalayas, etc. by means of honorary titles, Gold and Silver medals, certificates of fitness, etc., (*e*) To make suitable arrangement for the audit of accounts and the proper management, (according to especial rules, if any,

relating thereto) of such of the religious institutions and shrines, etc , the Proprietors or Donors whereof would ask the Shri Mahamandal to undertake the work on their behalf ; and also to help them in their work either through Mahamandal Office or through any of the offices of Provincial Mandals or branch Sabhas nearest to their respective shrines or endowments, etc.

From a perusal of the above, it will be evident that Shri Mahamandal provides for co-operation and participation of every Hindu in it from the highest Maharaja in the land to the humblest peasant, undertakes to make every possible endeavour to secure the conservation, the regulation, and above all, a good management of all religious endowments and Institutions, etc., made over to its charge by their respective Donors and Proprietors, and thus to direct the national charity in the right and proper channel.

This prospectus is now being sent to you for your information and should you desire to have your religious institution and endowments inspected and supervised or accounts in connexion therewith audited by Shri Mahamandal, you are required simply to write a letter giving an intimation of your such desire to this office and the Mahamandal will be glad to undertake the work according to your intimation.

In this connexion I beg to request the favour of your perusing the report-book and other books, tracts and important papers relating to Shri Mahamandal, published by this office, and of taking a lively interest in this Great National Movements, which perhaps justly expects every encouragement and support from a man of your piety fame and rank.

I have the honour to be,
SIR,
Your most obedient Servant,

Maharaj Narayan Simha
Rai Bahadur
General Secretary, **Shri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal.**

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No 254/26

The Palace, Bangalore,

20th February 1907.

My dear Mr. Madhava Rao,

In returning the file about the Sri Bharat Dharma Mahamandal His Highness would like to know - whether you do not think that his becoming a Patron of the Institution, would, as a matter of fact, imply the giving of a donation, this donation being just what you have refused?!

Yours sincerely,

वैकुण्ठं सर्व्व-कार्य्येषु धर्म्म-कार्य्यार्थं सुव्रतम्।
वैकुण्ठस्य हि तद्रूपं तस्मै कार्य्यात्मने नमः॥

श्री भारत धर्म्म महामण्डल प्रधान कार्य्यालय।

(काश्मीर राजभवन) काशी (बनारस)·····तिथि·····मास·····वर्ष

SRI BHARAT DHARMA MAHAMANDALA,
HEAD OFFICE.

BENARES, *Dated the* 27th *of* March 1907

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From

Pandit Maharaj Narayan Sheopuri Rai Bahadur Genral Secretary Sri Bharat Dhurma Mahamandal Benares city

To.

The Diwan Sahab Bahadur of Mysore.

My dear Sir,

During the conversation which you had had with Swami Gyanaanandji Maharaj and myself at Calcutta in January last at the house & in the prisence of the Maharaja Bahadur of Durbhanga, you were kind enough to undertake to furnish us with a complete list of the Sanatan Dhurma associations, which exist in the Mysore state to-gether with a list of such persons as in your opinion we should consult for co-operation in our cause.

As I have not received these lists as yet, may I request the favour of your kindly furnishing them your earliest convenience. Before proceeding to the South, I think it is necessary that we should Enter into correspondence with men of light & learning representing the orthodox communi and thus pave the way for Establish a branch there.

With best Namaskars

yours Sincerely

Rai Bahadur Secretary

Maharaj Narayan Swamy

Please let Mr Thakadas Desai to be good enough to forward me a write up in Sanskrit subject

7/11/1907

Recd 15/11/07

Recd 14th 07

Bhavan House

Ootacamund

13th April 07

No 518/1/fds

My dear Mr Whiteley,

In reply to your do No 103 dated 20th Feb about Sri Bharat-matha Mandal, I write to say that after further consideration I think the acceptance of the patronship carries with it the responsibilities of paying some donation, or rendering other help. If approved by His Highness, I shall inform the Genl Secretary that H.H is not at present prepared to accept the responsibilities which go with his becoming a patron of such an important institution.

Yours sincerely

sd) V P Madhava Rao

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Fern Hill.

Ootacamund 15.4.07.

My dear Sir

With reference to your D.O. letter No 578 of the 13th instant, regarding the Shree Bharat Dharma Maha Mandal of Benares, His Highness the Maharaja desires me to say, that he is quite in accord with the view taken by you in the matter, and that a suitable reply on the lines

Please may kindly
send me therefore I return
file herewith

Yours Sincerely
P.R Ashtaputre

V.P. Madhavarao Esq/CK

(Dpt. as per Dewan's order)

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From

To A. Mahadevashastri Esq
Curator, Govt. Oriental Libry
Mysore

Dated 25th April 1907

Despatched

Received

General No. 4965

No.

Enclosure No. 1

Sir, In forwarding herewith
letter dy 27th March 1907
from Pandit Mahadeo Narayan
Shenpuri Rao Bahadur,
Gl. Secy, Sri Bharat Dharma
Mahamandala, Benares
city, requesting to be
furnished with a complete
list of the Sanskrit

Dharma Associations

existing in the Mysore
I am directed
State, ~~to the Hon'ble~~

to request the favour

of ~~being furnished~~

your ~~with~~ furnishing

the Dewan with information

on the subject

2 The letter may be

kindly returned ~~to us~~

along with your reply

I have the

honour to be

Dewan's Office 25/4/07

Sir,

Your most obedient

Servant

22/4/07

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OFFICE OF THE CURATOR,
GOVERNMENT ORIENTAL LIBRARY.

3 May 1

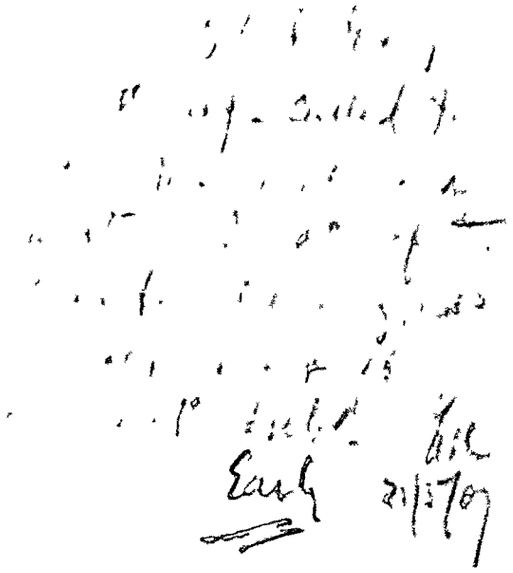
Dear Sir,

I am in due receipt of your letter no. 4965 dated 25th ultimo. I beg to submit herewith a memo. on the subject referred to in it above.

Yours obediently
Mahaiappa

P.S.

The enclosure to your letter quoted above is herewith returned



Submd

Read & submd
refer Mar the
entire correspce &
submd to the Dewan
Saheb? The memo
prepared by Mr
Mahadeva Sastri
gives details as called
for by the Dewan.
If so ordered a note
will be submd

4/11/07

Ref. 216 of 96

Memo

I The following associations take special interest in the investigation and spread of the Sanâtana-Dharma:

1) Âryadharmabodhinî-Sabhâ—Bangalore

President:— P. N. Purnaiya Esq
Secretary— H. Ramanja Esq

2) Âryadharmoppanî-Sabha—Mysore

President:—H. V. Nanjundaiya Esq (Bangalore)

Vice-President—B. Ramakrishna Rao Esq (Mysore)

Secretary—A. Mahadeva Sastri (Mysore)

3) Pandita-Sabhâ—Mysore

President:—M. Kântarâja-Urs Esq.

4 Vedanta Societyat Shivaji, Bangalore Cant-President M/s M. S. Narasimhaiya Asst Hon Secretary

II The two following associations with the same or similar object, may be mentioned

1) Ubhaya-Vedanta-Pravartana-Sabhâ

Secretary: R. Narasimhachar Esq M.A. Bangalore

2) Yadugiri-Sadânanda-Vardhinî-Sabha Melkote

President:—V. N. Narasimmiengar Esq Bangalore or Mysore.

3) Veda-Vedânta-Mandiram
(Malleswaram,
President — B.S. Venkata

III. The heads of the following may be consulted on the Connected with Sanâtana-

1) Sri Sringeri Mutt
2) Sri Parakala-Mutt — Mysore
3) Sri Shivaganga Mutt —
4) ~~Sirale~~ Sri Vyâsaraya Mutt, Sosale (Mysore
5) Sripadaraja Mutt at Mulbagal
6) Sumatîndra Mutt at (Kolar
Naugungod (Mysore

IV The following gentlemen, besides those connected with the Associations mentioned above may be consulted:—

1) The Dharmâdhikâris of the Mysore Palace — through the ~~Office~~ Palace Officer.

V. P. Madhava Rao Esq. Dewan of Mysore
Sir P. N. Krishnamurti, KCVE Ex-Dewan of Mysore
T. Ananda Rao Esq, Bangalore

M. S. Narayana Rao Esq. (Retired Deputy Commissioner) Bangalore

A. Raghavendra Rao Esq. (Retired Assistant Commissioner) Mysore

B. Narayana Iyengar Esq. (Retired Assistant Com.r) Bangalore.

M. B. Srinivasa Iyengar Esq. Head Master Chikmagalur High School.

(Lucas Agents) ~~G. Kasturi Rangier~~ M. A. (~~Mysore~~ ~~Mysore~~

A Govindacharlu Esq Mysore -

M. Mahadevaiah

31/5/07

No 531

Bangalore.

~~25th April 1907~~.
3d May 1907

To,

Maharaja Narayan Shimpuri, Rai Bahadur,
General Secretary to Sri Bharat
Dharma Maha Mandal, Benares City.

Dear Sir,

I am to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter dated 6th December 1906, and in reply to inform you that His Highness the Maharaja while thanking you and the mandal for the honor you have done him by offering him the patronship of the Bharat Dharma Mahamandal regrets very much his inability to accept the offer so kindly made

Yours sincerely,

Sd V. P. Madhavarao
Dewan

Diwan — 24-1-07

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- cretary

The file is resubd to Secretary, Mungroi / the following subsequent correspondence:—

1) Petn. no 1575 dt 12.12.06 from Secy to HH

2) Letter from the Secy to the Maha Mandal to the Dewan dt 6.12.06

3) Dewan's note to HH dt 14.2.07 no Jo 593

4) Private Secy's DO no 103 dt 20.2.07

5) DO no 518 dt 13.4.07 from the Dewan to P. Secy to HH—

6) DO no 143 dt 15.4.07 from the A.D Secy to HH to Dewan—

7) Dewan's reply to the Secy DO no Maha. Mandal, 531 dt 3.5.07

The file of connected papers with the application of the Sri Bharat Dharma Maha Dharma — dac — for help, subd on 3rd December 1906, may kindly be forwarded, as a further reference on the subject has since been received—

RV Lakshmanan 6th 24.1.07

Vs

Please let me see the file

enf.

24/1/07

File is hereunto submitted.

Send to Mr Lakshmana Rao

25/1/07

25-11-07

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Draft for approval

Muz. 1 [illegible] 1906

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From

To
Pandit Maharaj Narayan Shenpuvi Rai Bahadur,
Genl Secretary to the Sri Bharat Dharma
Mahamandal, Benares City.

Dated

Despatched 3. 8. 1907

Received

General No. 611
No.

Enclosure No.

Sir,

In reply to your letter no 7087, dated the 27th March 1907, addressed to the Dewan of Mysore, I am directed to forward herewith a complete list of the Sanatana Dharma Associations existing in the Mysore State. The names of the persons who would co-operate in your cause [illegible]

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advantageously consulted are also furnished.

2. I am to express the hope that your noble undertaking will prove a grand success.

I have &c,

Sd 31/7/04

Secretary
Burma Govt

Sd
31/7/04

Burma Secretariat
Y.A.
31/7

अक्षुण्णं सर्व्व-कार्य्येषु धर्म्म-कार्य्यार्थं मुद्यतम्।
वैकुण्ठस्य हि तद्रूपं तस्मै कार्य्यात्मने नमः॥

श्री भारत धर्म्म महामण्डल प्रधान कार्य्यालय।

(काश्मीर राजभवन) काशी (बनारस)……तिथि……मास……वर्ष

SRI BHARAT DHARMA MAHAMANDALA,
HEAD OFFICE.
BENARES, *Dated the* 16th August *1907*

when and where in the letter 21/8/07

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21.8.07

From

Pandit Maharaj narayan Shukpuri,
Rai Bahadur,
General Secretary, Sri Bharat
Dharma Mahamandal.

To

L. Ananta Rami Rao Esqr B. A.
Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja
Bahadur of Mysore
Muzrai Department

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge with
thanks the receipt of your letter no 67, dated
3rd Instant. I shall place myself in
communication with the Asso-
-ciation and the Gentleman whose names you
have kindly furnished, as soon as our
Rules and bye laws which are at present in
Hindi, are translated into English and publ
I have the honor to be
Your most obedient Servant